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In the application of:

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PROSTHESIS SYSTEM

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Action dated February 3, 2009, please amend this application as follows.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4.